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New Commissary, BX ground-breaking held

by Roy K. Heitman
ESC Public Affairs

Ground-breaking ceremonies Monday brought a new shopping complex a bit closer to reality for thousands of Hanscom's active-duty and retired population and their families.

Composed of a new Base Exchange, Commissary, shopping mall, military clothing sales store and food court, the facility will be built on the site of soon-to-be demolished Bldgs. 1702 and 1704 behind the present exchange. The mall provides for over 136,000 square feet of total floor area with about half of that devoted to a new commissary.

When the new facility is opened, the present exchange will be demolished and converted to 820 additional parking space for a total of 820 customers and employees.

Among the dignitaries speaking at the Monday afternoon ground-breaking were Lt. Gen. Leslie F. Kenne, commander of the Electronics Systems Center; Maj. Gen. Barry Bates, commander of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service; and Charles Wiker, director of the Eastern Region of the Defense Commissary Agency.

"This is a key quality of life project that will provide thousands of military members, retirees and their families from throughout New England a modern, integrated one-stop shopping facility," Kenne said. Commenting on the years of work leading up to Monday's event, Kenne said, "We can now look forward to the ribbon cutting ceremony in about two years when the project is complete."

The shopping center is a cooperative effort between local government, the commissary agency and the exchange service.

"It is attributed to the hard work by the project managers from the commissary agency and exchange service plus the contracting office from Air Education and Training Command that this event has taken place," said Dale Ciardelli, Hanscom project manager and base architect. "It's a team effort involving Hanscom's civil engineer squadron as



photo by Walt Santos

Ready to turn the first shovels of earth Monday for the new Hanscom shopping complex are (from left) Electronic Systems Center Commander Lt. Gen. Leslie F. Kenne, Army and Air Force Exchange Service Commander Maj. Gen. Barry D. Bates, Defense Commissary Agency Eastern Region Director Charles M. Wiker, 66th Air Base Wing Commander Col. Chris T. Anzalone, Retiree Office representative Lawrence Drew, Patriot Enlisted Association representative Staff Sgt. Mathew Knoll and Carothers Construction representative Emory Florey.

well." She said the project is long overdue and has been in progress for several years.

"The Commissary is housed in a converted warehouse originally constructed in 1955 and added to in 1980. The

Exchange is located in a converted hangar, also built in 1955," said Ciardelli. Commissary Officer Leonard Langford said, "We're excited about it, of course, and looking for

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Under secretary speaks at DoD Acquisition Reform town meeting

by Airman 1st Class Theresa Fike
ESC Public Affairs

Stan Soloway, the deputy under secretary of defense for Acquisition Reform, spoke at the DoD Acquisition Reform Town Meeting held Sept. 22 at the base theater.

With his expertise in the areas of government contracting, acquisition policies and outsourcing privatization issues, Soloway travels to bases and corporations

to discuss topics such as the civilian and military industrial integration, price-based contracting, past performances and competitive sourcing to personnel in the acquisition reform career field.

Before joining the Department of Defense, he was a public affairs and policy consultant providing guidance to a wide range of companies and associations for 20 years.

Soloway was appointed the deputy under secretary of defense for acquisition

reform April 13, 1998 and given the additional duty as director of Defense Reform, which has given him overall responsibility of new initiatives, March 23.

His visit to Hanscom produced a packed theater with an open forum preceding the lecture. He also addressed nearly 200 people at a joint luncheon sponsored by the Lexington-Concord Chapter of the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association and the National Contract Management Association.

Soloway discussed the challenges the acquisition force faces and solutions that should be taken.

"We need to recognize value while still supporting the soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines," said Soloway. "When we deploy troops in a time of crisis, we need to know that we can rely on support mechanisms."

For information on the office of Defense Acquisition Reform go to <http://www.acq.osd.mil/ar> on the world wide web.

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A 24 hour-a-day telephone line and E-mail account (STRAIGHT TALK) are set up as ways for Hanscom's population to submit questions, complaints or comments, anonymously, if desired. All concerns are personally reviewed by the wing commander.

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Also, don't forget your supervisor, commander or first sergeant. They're there to help you.

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Col. Chris T. Anzalone
66th Air Base Wing commander

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Concession stand

Question: My son has played Little League baseball here for the last 2 1/2 years. We were waiting a long time for them to build a concession stand, and as far as I know, it's only ever been open one time and that was on opening day, when Little League started.

Also, my son was playing for Hanscom's All-Star Team on a Wednesday night and the bathrooms were locked. There were boys from the other team who had to use the bathroom who we actually witnessed going in the woods.

Why can't the bathrooms be unlocked and why can't our beautiful concessions stand be opened?

Answer: As you point out, the plan used to manage the concession stand and the baseball field bathrooms worked fairly well this past Little League season; however, we can do better.

The concession stand was open every Saturday during the Little League season from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays were chosen because of the number and times of scheduled games and because of a limited number of properly trained volunteers. The conces-

sion stand was staffed by Youth Programs employees with required food handlers training who were volunteering their time. The stand was not open during all-star games since these games were not held on Saturdays.

To improve service next season, the 66th Services Squadron and the Youth Center plan on having the concession stand and the bathrooms open during every Little League game. Based on comments and feedback from you and other players and parents, they have devised the following plan for next baseball season.

Coaches will recruit parent volunteers from their teams and the Youth Center will train and schedule those volunteers to work the concession stand. Coaches will sign out keys for the concession stand and the bathrooms. The keys will remain in the concession stand during each game in case the bathrooms accidentally get locked and will be returned to the Youth Center after the day's play.

I am confident that the combined efforts of the Youth Center, parent volunteers and players will make this plan work so we can all focus on the fun and excitement of Little League baseball.

Safety campaign comes to an end

by Gen. George T. Babbitt
Air Force Materiel Command

Labor Day marked the conclusion of the 1999 "101 Critical Days" campaign. During this year's campaign there were 18 Air Force fatalities — the lowest on record, but still far too many. Air Force Materiel Command did not experience any fatalities, and I commend the men and women throughout the command for this significant achievement.

The "101 Critical Days" campaign focused on activities that traditionally have claimed lives during the summer months. Despite additional emphasis on risk management at all echelons, the Air Force still lost 15 irreplaceable people to off-duty mishaps this summer. In spite of these tragic losses the Air Force is

making progress; the number of alcohol-related deaths decreased 33 percent.

On-duty mishaps claimed the lives of three Air Force personnel.

It is essential for commanders and supervisors at all levels to remain involved in Operational Risk Management for on-the-job activities, while continuing to emphasize each individual's responsibility for his or her off-duty activities.

Each one of us must accept responsibility and accountability for our actions and be committed

to safe conduct both on and off the job.

The "101 Critical Days" are behind us this year; however, the challenge to make safety a part of all on- and off-duty activities remains.

The time between Thanksgiving and the start of the New Year is always challenging for our command and the Air Force.

Be cautious in your holiday planning, be responsible when using alcohol, and keep safety foremost in your mind as we enter the new millennium.

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-- Gen. George T. Babbitt
AFMC commander



Miniature occupational badge wear extended

by Master Sgt. Daniel Mazzuca

Family Support Center

Effective immediately, the wear of satin oxidized and highly polished miniature and regular size occupational, duty and aeronautical badges with matching accouterments



has been extended to Oct. 1, 2000.

The 95th Air Force Uniform Board, scheduled for October 1999, will address this phase-out issue.

Contact the Military Personnel Flight's Customer Service Section, at 3-2276 with all uniform wear questions.



photo by Airman 1st class Theresa M. Fike

Staff Sgt. Christopher Niebels, Clinic Immunizations, gives Col. Steven Sheldon, Electronic Systems Center staff director, a flu vaccination.

Flu shot program begins in October

by Capt. Pamela Ward
Public Health Flight

The flu vaccine has arrived. This year the Hanscom flu campaign will kick off for active duty only Oct. 12 through 18.

The 66th Medical Group will be administering shots in the clinic lobby from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on those specific days.

In addition to administering the flu vaccine, all active-duty members will receive any other immunizations that they may require. In order for us to accurately evaluate the need for other immunizations, all members will be required to bring their shot records.

The flu vaccination will be available to all family members and retirees and civilians beginning the week of Nov. 1. This will also be done in the clinic lobby.

Children between the ages of two and eight should go to the immunization clinic to receive their shots.

The Pneumococcal vaccine will also be

provided to retirees as needed. All individuals receiving shots should bring their shot records.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health recommends pregnant women more than three months along receive the vaccine.

Individuals with a history of allergic reaction to eggs should not receive the flu vaccine. Active-duty personnel must have documentation of this allergy to get a waiver from having the vaccine administered.

The 66th Medical Group will be administering flu shots to all Active-Duty members on the following days: Oct. 12 to 13, ESC; Oct. 14, 66th Support Group, 66th Logistics Squadron and Band of Liberty; Oct. 15, 66th Mission Support Squadron, 66th Security Forces Squadron, Air Force Research Laboratory, 66th Air Base Wing; Oct. 18, 66th Civil Engineer Squadron and 66th Services Squadron.

For questions regarding the date you have been assigned, call Public Health at 3-2210.

Fourth Research Lab Day scheduled for Thursday

Open forum, discussion of ongoing technology will provide new avenues for potential research

by Bob Bowes

Integrated Command and Control Systems Program Office

With the goal of advancing the rate of technology insertion into the Electronic Systems Center's product line, a number of organizations have collaborated on establishing a lab day to coincide with the MITRE Air Force Center's monthly half-day training. The organizations include Electronic Systems Center, Integrated Command and Control Systems Program Office, Air Force Research Laboratory, MITRE's Air Force Center and the MITRE Institute.

The fourth such lab day will be held in MITRE building "M," room 0M503 across from the MITRE Health Club, Thursday at 10:30 a.m. with a poster board session following in the first floor atrium.

The areas of concentration will be crew system interface, deployment and sustain-

ment, bioeffects and protection and warfighter training. Specific topics will include: intelligent agents (both blue and red) for C2 Command Post Exercises; human interface concepts for personnel employing intelligent software agents in logistics; technologies that provide wing and deploying unit commanders with insight into the status of planning and limits of wing level logistics; identification of specific Air Force Foundation Data requirements for production; dissemination and use of National Imagery and Mapping Agency data; artificial intelligence algorithms for identification of threats by evaluation of the severity of detected noise; adaptive multi-sensory interfaces for enhanced visual symbology, information fusion guidance, haptic displays and spatial auditory displays to increase operator effectiveness; multi-sensory C2 advanced technologies for information operations providing a direct link

to Configurable Aerospace Command Center and Defensive Information Warfare; real time information to the cockpit for transport aircraft-including threat, weather, route, disposition of friendly forces, as well as revised flight plans and new targets or objectives; speech recognition for advanced C2 which enhances the entering and accessing of data critical to the generation of Air Tasking Orders; utilization of innovative team metrics to assess dynamic distributed decision making in Battle Management and C2; establishment of radiofrequency safety standards and radiofrequency radiation related risk communication; laser threat analysis system which determines vulnerabilities of laser threats and effectiveness of countermeasures; distributed mission training for C2 operators.

Lab day provides a face-to-face forum where an Research lab directorate will brief the science and technology they are

working to all interested Center personnel including government, MITRE and support contractors as well as Lincoln Laboratory staff. The objective is not just to present their ongoing technology activities, but also to provide a forum for discussion of potential ESC systems' applications and provide new avenues for potential research based on ESC system requirements.

Lab days will occur monthly and in the future will include the other services' laboratories and both government and non-government laboratories.

Anyone attending the Oct. 7 lab day need only their government or support contractor identification as the subject is unclassified.

MITRE will badge attendees not having MITRE badges upon arrival at "M" building. Presentation of photo identification will be required.

For further information, contact Bob Bowes 3-36718.

Chapter donates to Enlisted Aid Foundation

by Kevin Gilmartin
ESC Public Affairs

Fifty Hanscom airmen will be able to obtain a Community College of the Air Force degree a little easier thanks to a \$5,000 donation from the Lexington-Concord Chapter of the Armed Forces Electronics Association.

The local AFCEA chapter donated the \$5,000 to Hanscom's Enlisted Aid Foundation, which is operated by Chief Master Sergeant Frank Holmes, Electronic Systems Center's command Chief Master Sergeant.

"The government picks up 75 percent of the \$400 Community College of the Air Force tuition, leaving airmen a \$100 balance to enroll, along with the cost of any textbooks," said Holmes. "This generous donation from AFCEA will really help make a difference for a lot of airmen who are pursuing associates degrees in their spare time."

AFCEA is an organization composed of military, gov-

ernment, industry and academic professionals in the communications, computers, command and control and electronics fields. The Lexington-Concord Chapter is dedicated to helping students in the area further their education. Last year, the chapter offered more than \$40,000 in scholarships to local students who excel in the fields of science and mathematics, ROTC members at Boston-area colleges and universities, and Hanscom military members who are pursuing advanced degrees.

"It is a great pleasure for our chapter to provide this \$5,000 to Hanscom's enlisted members," said Pat Thomas-Fuller, president of the chapter. "So many of our members either work at Hanscom or are working on contracts for the Electronic Systems Center, and this is our way of paying the center back for all the support we receive."

Much of the scholarship money is raised from AFCEA-sponsored events such as the New Horizons symposium,



photo by Tech Sgt. Scott Lewis

Chief Master Sergeant Frank Holmes, Electronic Systems Center command Chief Master Sergeant, reviews Community College of the Air Force course materials with Senior Airman Nikki Robinson (center) and Senior Airman Alicia Tillman.

the annual State of ESC address and the annual Valentines Dinner Dance. For information about AFCEA, contact Claire Goulet at (781) 221-1580.

In today's Air Force, it is a very serious subject. So much so that the DoD has put a "zero tolerance" policy in effect. Yet despite the emphasis and numerous hours of intense training, some people are still asking ...

What is sexual harassment anyway?

by Staff Sgt. Kathleen T. Rhem
American Forces Press Service

Arlington, Va. — Service members listen to countless hours of training each year, participate in surveys and discuss sexual harassment issues among themselves regularly.

Yet sexual harassment is still a very real problem, said Capt. Eric Davis, an equal opportunity and sexual harassment command advisor with Office of the Secretary of Defense, Washington Headquarters Services here.

There are still misperceptions about what constitutes sexual harassment and how best to combat it within the military, he said.

"One of my biggest pet peeves is when I hear people make jokes and say things like, 'I can't wait to be sexually harassed,'" Davis said. "You can tell they just don't get it."

For conduct to meet the definition of sexual harassment, it must be unwanted, unsolicited and severe enough to create a hostile work environment, said Davis.

"If you want this type of conduct to happen to you, it's not unwelcomed, it's not

unsolicited, therefore it's not illegal. It's just sexual conduct," he said.

Davis said it's a common misperception that all conduct of a sexual nature is illegal behavior. This creates several problems within the military. "You hear stories about commanders who set boundaries within their commands that any conduct of a sexual nature could ruin your career," Davis said. "That's not good leadership, and it's not what I would advise them if they had bothered to ask me."

So, had those leaders bothered to ask, what would Davis have told them? "You have to take all complaints seriously," Davis said. "But you want to set up a policy that deals with sexual harassment — we're talking about unwanted, unsolicited behavior that alters the condition of someone's employment — not sexuality or sexual conduct in general."

Davis said local policies that are stricter than DoD's intended create "a backlash of resentment toward females in a unit."

He said he often hears comments like, "We didn't have these problems before females were in our unit."

"The people who suffer most in a situation like this are the junior female unit members, who had nothing to do with the policy in the first place," Davis said.

Davis used the metaphor of a pendulum. "You don't want the pendulum to swing so liberally that we're accusing everybody of sexual harassment. That's not the intent of the law," he said. "On the other hand, we don't want the pendulum to

swing so far the other way that people in authority are not held accountable for their behavior.

We're trying to get that pendulum to stop somewhere in the middle."

Davis said leaders must also work hard to avoid the "trap of looking within themselves for the standard." Everyone has their own opinions about sexual harassment based on their own experiences; the challenge for managers is to not let personal biases cloud their judgment.

"Regardless of whether we believe an employee is too sensitive or doesn't have a sense of humor, all that matters is whether the conduct was of a sexual nature, unwanted and unsolicited," he said. "The thing to do is model, enforce and live by the standard of zero tolerance set by the Department of Defense."

When conducting training on sexual harassment issues, Davis said, he often encounters people who think many harassment complaints are frivolous, made by people who are too sensitive or don't have the backbone to stand up for themselves. But this simply isn't true, he said.

"The incidents that do get reported are way outside what anyone should have to tolerate at work," he said.

Far from filing too many frivolous suits, Davis said he believes more people tolerate behavior they don't have to because it's the path of least resistance.

"Most people vote with their feet," he said. "They will seek work elsewhere. In other cases, those being sexually harassed often will walk the long way around an office or will begin taking more days off. Work really suffers because of it."

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-- Capt. Eric Davis, Office of the Secretary of Defense

Perhaps the most common misperception is that sexual harassment is about sex. Davis pointed out that's rarely the case. "It's about power," he said, "and there are many different types of power."

"The power issue is clear when there's a difference in rank. If you are in a position to evaluate someone else's work, obviously you have power over them," he said. "Beyond that there's the power of the majority. Just being more popular or having more people agree with you gives you more power. I think people put up with a lot of behavior they find offensive but feel inhibited to do something about it because it's not a popular move to be a whistle-blower."

Davis pointed out that the military is only 16 percent women. "That in itself means nothing, but you can see where females in uniform might feel intimidated," he said.

Air Force sexual harassment hotline

Toll Free 1-800-558-1404
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Chapel to hold annual pet blessing Monday

by Chaplain (Maj.) Gary Smith
Chapel

Hanscom children and adults can celebrate St. Francis of Assisi Day with the traditional Blessing of the Pets Monday at 5 p.m. on the Chapel lawn.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to bring their pets to be blessed. The event is sponsored by the Catholic and Protestant sectors of the Chapel.

The tradition of blessing pets dates back to St. Francis of Assisi who lived in Italy from 1181 to 1226 AD.

St. Francis had a belief that God revealed himself through all of creation including the animals. He had at times conducted prayer while walking through the woods, talking out loud to the animals because in his mind they were a very intricate part of creation. Over the years, the church would honor St. Francis

through the rite of blessing the pets.

Throughout biblical history, animals have been recognized as part of God's creation. Adam and Eve were the original caretakers of the animals. Noah is famous for gathering the animals for the ark and, at the birth of Christ, animals were part of the nativity scene.

The schedule of events for the Blessing includes the Lord's Prayer, a caretaker prayer, and a period when the chaplains will go around individually to each pet and sprinkle holy water upon them.

Children and adults who don't have a pet may bring a favorite stuffed animal, such as a teddy bear or beanie baby to be blessed.

Plan to attend with your pet on a leash or in a carrier.

Bring your cats, dogs, fish, turtles or your own unique pet for others to see. Dogs and cats will be separated for the ceremony.

For information, call one of the chaplains at 3-3538.



inspection of appliances can prevent danger from carbon monoxide this winter

by Staff Sgt. D. Brown
ESC Safety Office

As the home heating season approaches, the Consumer Product Safety Commission urges consumers to have a professional inspection of all fuel-burning appliances—including furnaces, stoves, fireplaces, clothes dryers and space heaters—to detect deadly carbon monoxide leaks.

These appliances burn fuels—typically gas, both natural and liquefied petroleum; kerosene; oil; coal; and wood. Under certain conditions, these appliances can produce deadly carbon monoxide, but with proper installation and maintenance are safe to use.

Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless gas produced by burning any fuel. The initial symptoms of carbon

monoxide poisoning are similar to flu including headache, fatigue, shortness of breath, nausea and dizziness. Exposure to high levels of carbon monoxide can cause death.

Carbon monoxide poisoning associated with using fuel-burning appliances kills more than 200 people each year and sends more than 10,000 to hospital emergency rooms for treatment.

The commission recommends that the annual, professional inspection include checking chimneys, flues and vents for leakage and blockage by creosote and debris.

Leakage through cracks or holes could cause black stains on the outside of the chimney or flue. These stains can mean that pollutants are leaking into the house. Also, have all vents to furnaces, water heaters, boilers and other fuel-burning appliances checked to make sure they are not

loose or disconnected.

Make sure your appliances are inspected for adequate ventilation. A supply of fresh air is important to help carry pollutants up the chimney, stovepipe or flue, and is necessary for the complete combustion of any fuel. Never block ventilation air openings.

Exercise caution when using any heating device. Heat your home this winter with safety in mind.

The Pride of “Team Hanscom”

Senior Airman Jeffrey G. Hoyer

United States Air Force

Band of Liberty Trombonist and Travel and Lodging Liaison specialist

Family/marital status: Married; wife’s name is Tamra; daughter’s name is Kayla, age 8

Hometown: Englewood, Colo.

Birthday: Oct. 25, 1969

Hobbies: Sports

Date arrived station: Oct. 21, 1996

My pet peeve is: People who lack integrity and live in the “gray”

Last book read: Letters from a Nut, by Ted. L. Nancy

Last movie watched: Star Wars, Episode I

Favorite T.V. show: Sports Center and Arliss

Inspirations: Jazz trombonist Hal Crook for his musicianship, and trombonist Jiggs Whigham

for his life example

Best Air Force memory: Being a featured soloist with our jazz and concert bands.

What quality of life initiative would you like implemented? Standard central air conditioning in all enlisted housing.

Favorite song: Night and Day (Cole Porter)

Future goals: Finish my masters degree in jazz studies at the New England Conservatory; teach at the collegiate level

Lifelong dream or ambition: To be an international commercial and jazz performer, teacher and clinician.



If you would like to nominate someone to profile in a future Hansconian, please contact Staff Sgt. Gina Lewis at 3-5115.

Latinos, Hispanics as defined are not synonymous

by **Ivonne Figueroa**
El Boricua

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Latin? Hispanic? What's the difference? Actually Latino and Hispanic are not synonymous.

The word "Latin" comes to us from a tribe in early Italy called the Latins.

The Latins lived in Latium whose capital city was Rome. Their language was called Latin.

According to the American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language, as Rome's empire grew, their language, Latin, spread throughout the Roman empire later evolving into several "romance" languages: Italian, Spanish, Portuguese and French.

People from these countries are referred to as Latin because their language is derived from "Latin." These languages are very similar as explained by Dr. Lorenzo LaFarelle, a Chicano Studies professor at the University of Texas at El Paso. For example the word for cave in Span-

ish is "cueva," in Portuguese is "cova." in Italian is "cava."

When the Romans invaded the Iberian Peninsula they found a city already there called Hispalis, which is the modern-day city of Seville.

The name Hispalis appears to be derived from Greek since Hispalus is a mythical Greek hero.

Later on, the Romans annexed the Iberian Peninsula making it a province named Hispania. The Romans spent seven centuries in Hispania leaving a legacy not only of language but of social and cultural characteristics such as family, language and religion which tied Hispania to the rest of the "Latin" world forever.

Sometime later the name evolved from Hispania to España. The word Hispania thus refers to the people and culture of the Iberian Peninsula, Spain in particular. The term Hispano (Hispanic) later was used in referring to Spain and its subsequent New World - New Spain, conquered territories which covers most of Latino America. Hispanic thus refers to people whose culture and heritage have ties to Spain and, in the case of second and third generation Hispanic-Americans, who may or may not speak Spanish.

In the United States, the term

Hispanic (Hispano) gained acceptance after it was picked up by the government and used in forms and census to identify people with Spanish heritage. In fact the term Hispanic is not a race but an ethnic distinction. Hispanics come from all races and physical traits. The term Hispanic is merely a translation of the Old World word Hispania

note. In 1928 in the Corpus Christi - Laredo area, a group of Hispanics spearheaded the League of Latin American Citizens to help combat discrimination and prejudice and to help Hispanics acculturate.

Prior to Texas joining the Union, old Hispanic native families in Texas called themselves "Tejanos." After 1820 the Anglo population

Latin? Hispanic? What's the difference? Actually Latino and Hispanic are not synonymous.

(Latin) or Hispano (Spanish).

Latin America is a geographic location. People from Latin America are all Latin but not all are Hispanics. Brazilians speak Portuguese, which makes them Latin but not Hispanic. LaFarelle explained that in the 20s and 50s the term "Latin American" became very popular. Back then, people of Mexican descent born in the United States preferred to be called Latin Americans since they were not actually born in Mexico. They felt the term Mexican did not exactly fit them and that often the term Mexican was used with a derogatory

called themselves Texans and the term Mexicans was used for all Hispanics whether newly arrived or not.

The term "Chicano," is a more exclusive term used solely in reference to people of Mexican descent. Chicano was probably first used by the Conquistadores, explained LaFarelle. The original Mexican Indians were called Mexicas. That term was changed to Mexicanos by the Spaniards and probably the "me" was dropped and thus the term Xicanos or Chicanos was born. Sometime ago a popular and elite group of Mexican nationalist fighters called themselves "Los Chi-

canos" and the name was picked up in the 1970's by young militant Americans of Mexican descent to make a political statement. Although the term "Chicano" is an "old" word, explained LaFarelle, many elderly Hispanics of Mexican descent don't like it because the term had been used, long ago, as derogatory reference to Mexican peasants or peons.

So what are we?

We, Spanish speakers or people of Spanish heritage are Hispanics or Hispanos. In the end it doesn't really matter much what we call ourselves - Latinos or Hispanics, said LaFarelle, "somos todos primos" - we're all cousins anyway. We should respect our differences, enjoy our close relationship and be proud of our cultural legacy.

Computer-based training arrives

The Communications and Information Division Training Office provides many computer-based training courses to all government personnel assigned to Hanscom.

This program will allow you to download a training course to your computer and take the course at your convenience. The office has more than 100 courses available covering areas such as Windows NT, Microsoft Office, UNIX and Networking fundamentals.

Active-duty members or government civilians interested in taking CBT courses must now register at the following web site <http://www.nosc-cbt.wpafb.af.mil>.

If you have questions call the SC Training Office at 3-1253.

"Cats" available

This month: "Cats" at the Shubert Theater October 17 at 2pm; or, "The Sound Of Music" at the Colonial Theatre, Oct. 24 at 2 p.m.

Stop by for tickets to the Ringling Bros Circus. Tickets are available for Oct 17, 23 and 24.

For tickets or information call 3-3262.

First Thanksgiving: *New World explorers have reason to celebrate 25 years before Pilgrims*

by **Ivonne Figueroa**
El Boricua

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“La Toma” is one of the most significant historical events in this hemisphere and the first of its kind in America. Thanks to the chronicles of Gaspar Perez de Villagr , the official chronicler, military outfitter and missionizer of the Don Juan de O ate y Salazar expedition (1598-1609), we have a written history of this most important event.

The 400th anniversary of the Don Juan de O ate epic expedition through El Paso del Norte was marked in 1998. Perez de Villagr ’s accounts offer us but a glimpse of the ordeal.

Everyone expected Nuevo M xico, as the new territory was called, to be a rich land comparable to M xico. O ate wanted to serve God and the King and to get rich. He also wanted to be Governor.

Settlers in the new world were hit by “hidalgo-mania.” All the heads of household were offered the title of “hidalgo,” a low nobleman rank, if they resided five years in Nuevo M xico. Noblemen who could use the title “Don” were exempt from taxes and were free from arrests for debts. The prospect of riches came in a close second.

Over 400 men, 130 of their families and several Franciscan priests made up the expedition. A four-mile long procession of 83 wooden wheeled wagons and carts plus 7,000 to 8,000 horses, 7,000 head of livestock cattle, spare oxen, pack mules, donkeys, sheep and goats completed the expedition.

Supplies that included mining and blacksmithing tools, medicine, Indian trade goods, seeds, plows and other necessities were stored in the carts.

The expedition was to colonize Nuevo M xico, give first attention to the affairs of the church and initiate the conversion of the Indians. Other purposes were for territorial expansion, mineral prospecting, finding coasts and navigable ports.

Their journey, which began in Santa Barbara, Mexico, just south of Chihuahua, set out to carve a new and shorter trail through the desert. The trip proved to be more than then expected.

After four months of travel and several weeks of food and water rationing they ran out of food and water and had to eat desert berries and drink water from occasional drinking holes or from cactus plants. Their shoes wore out from the burning sands. The horses, barely able to survive carrying large loads of supplies, without water or nourishment, bumped into rocks and shrubs due to exhaustion.

On the fifth day without food and water they saw in the distance what looked like a river. They arrived on the shores of the then vast and beautiful R o del Norte (R o Grande) April 20, 1598.

The gaunt horses jumped into the river, two of them drinking until they burst and died. Two other horses plunged too far into the current and, unable to swim because of their condition, drowned. The men with

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parched throats dove into the river, quenched their thirst, then threw themselves upon the sand to rest.

For 10 days they rested feasting on fish, ducks and geese and swimming in the cool and deep waters of the R o del Norte.

A day of thanksgiving and rest was ordered by Don O ate before the expedition continued its journey. On April 30 a “Thanksgiving” celebration was held, the first in America. O ate memorialized the occasion by declaring “La Toma” - claiming the land for God and el Rey Felipe of Spain and naming the area “El Paso del R o del Norte.”

La Toma is a great historical event comparable to the pilgrims in Plymouth 25 years later.

The conquistadors praised their Savior and offered a High Mass on the shores of the R o del Norte. A ceremony followed, men and women dressed in their finest, an army drawn on military formation, trumpets blew, shots were fired - a celebration had begun.

The first play in America was created and presented that day. The conquistadores and their families ate, drank and gave thanks.

The following day they began the last part of the journey. It took them four months to reach their final destination just north of present day Santa Fe in Nuevo M xico.

O ate and the conquistadores had a very hard time full of trials and tribulations.

There were Indian assaults and wars, hunger, cold, discontent among the settlers, desertion, rebellion and more.

Years later O ate finally resigned as Governor of Nuevo M xico and moved to his home in Zacatecas.

Today reenactments of this first thanksgiving are being replayed.

Sheldon Hall, whose brainchild the celebration is, had no

idea the event would make national headlines. The celebration was originally purposed to bring attention to the Mission Trail.

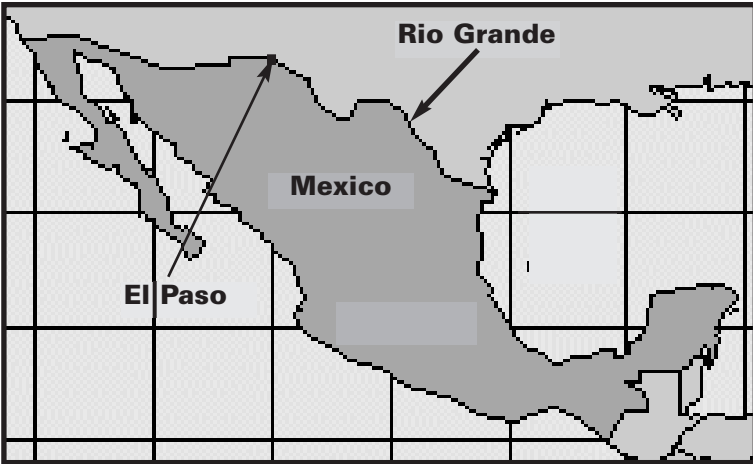
Remembering having heard of a book that retold the story of an early conquistador thanksgiving, Hall researched the event.

The first reenactment of the first documented (Villagra “History of New Mexico,” 1611) Thanksgiving was celebrated in 1989 at Chamizal National Memorial Park sponsored by the Junior League the first three years.

Hall, wanting to bring attention to the city of El Paso, Texas, contacted the Associate Press which spread the news of this historic event all over the states.

He explained that soon thereafter the Wall Street Journal sent a couple of reporters down to do a story which was printed on the first page. To Hall’s surprise it made quite a hit.

Now, using a children’s book and a video on the re-enactment that is available, most schools districts all over the nation are teaching about the real first Thanksgiving along the banks of the R o Grande in El Paso. As a result El Paso is receiving major coverage and publicity and the lost history of this area is being told explained Hall.



Colonel praises maintenance team for base appearance

by 1st Lt. David L. Englin
ESC Public Affairs

As the only active-duty Air Force base in the region, Hanscom is the face of the Air Force to the people of New England and to more than its fair share of distinguished visitors.

The men and women of the 66th Civil Engineer Squadron’s Grounds Maintenance Team work long hours in all kinds of weather to make sure Hanscom always puts on its best face for residents and visitors alike.

Col. David Thompson, former deputy commander of the 66th Support Group, considers his work with the Grounds Maintenance Team to have been among the highlights of his time at Hanscom.

“The greatest joy as support group deputy commander was the opportunity to work with the base Grounds Maintenance Team,” said Thompson. “It gave me the opportunity to roll up my sleeves and really make a difference in the way the base looks.”

Thompson pinned on colonel during a ceremony at the officers’ club Thursday, two days before he and his wife leave Hanscom after four years. Thompson commanded the 66th Mission Support Squadron here from September 1995 to April 1998 and then served as deputy commander of the 66th Support Group from April 1998 to July 1999.

“Colonel Thompson is a super troop,” said John Smith, Grounds Maintenance Team supervisor. “During the winter he’d be out there at 5 a.m. shoveling snow with our folks, and during the summer he’d help us pick up trash, rake, mulch – whatever needed to be done, he’d be right there doing it with us.”

The Grounds Maintenance Team does everything from pruning trees to planting flowers to beautifying high-visibility areas, preparing the base for visitors like President Clinton, Vice President Al Gore, Sen. Ted Kennedy and Jordan’s King Hussein.

“Working with the grounds team every single day, even weekends, became just a joy, especially when we’d get

feedback from senior visitors that we’re the best base they’ve ever been on,” said Thompson. “That’s a great tribute to the hardworking folks in C.E.”

While working with the Grounds Maintenance Team was Thompson’s greatest joy, he considers the emergency response part of his job to have been his greatest challenge.

As deputy commander of the 66th Support Group, Thompson also served as the deputy commander of Hanscom’s Disaster Control Group, which handles on-scene emergency response.

“As a career personnel officer, I have worked several casualties, but I really had no experience dealing with emergency situations,” said Thompson. “That was a major learning curve for me.”

“I had the greatest teacher in the world in [then support group commander] Colonel [Peggy] Shaw,” said Thompson. “She taught me how to handle a hundred different issues at the same time. I think that until you’ve served as a deputy commander to a group commander you don’t realize just how many hundreds of issues a group commander deals with – not only project issues, but people issues. Colonel Shaw taught me how to manage all those issues and still keep our eye on the target, and that’s the greatest lesson I learned in my job.”

“We won command and DoD-level awards as the Mission Support Squadron,” said Thompson. “That’s a testament to the superstars in the mission support squadron, and I want to salute them.”

Thompson and his wife depart Saturday for Ramstein Air Base, Germany, where Thompson will be the director of personnel programs at Headquarters, United States Air Forces Europe.

“If I had a farewell thought, it would be that the support group continue its wonderful job of putting the customer first,” said Thompson. “I’ve been in the customer service arena most of my career, and there really is meaning to Team Hanscom. We’re here to support ESC and we’re here to support the customer. The Support Group and the wing work customer issues with heart and soul. I salute those

folks, and I hope they will keep that spirit alive.”



photo by Walt Santos

Col. David Thompson, former 66th Support Group deputy commander speaks with Maj. Mark Bednar, 66th Civil Engineer Squadron at a disaster control group.

Tuskegee Airmen Awards Banquet to be held

Oct. 22 the Col. Charles E. McGee –Hanscom AFB Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. Chapter will hold its annual Scholarship Awards Banquet in the enlisted Club.

It coincides with the first anniversary of the dedication of the Tuskegee Airmen Room.

The Guest Speaker will be Col. Charles E. McGee (ret). He is an original Tuskegee Airman who served under Brig. Gen. Benjamin O. Davis Jr. in the 332nd Bomber Squadron. McGee flew fighter missions in WWII, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War and holds the Air Force record of the most fighter missions flown. He currently serves as the National President of the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.

In addition, there will be other original Tuskegee Airmen attending. Books will be available and the Airmen will be available for signatures.

For information, contact Maj. Gail Fisher at 3-5747 or Capt. Willie Bohles at (MITRE) 271-6211

Ground breaking (from page1)

ward to working with everyone here. We expect it to be a fantastic project.”

The total contract price of \$20.4 million is jointly funded by Defense Commissary Agency and Army and Air Force Exchange Service, with Hanscom providing funds for site demolition and environmental cleanup. The new center is to be constructed by Carothers Construction of Birmingham, Ala.

The Commissary will have a modern merchandising format and new interior décor scheme, a common wall between the new Commissary and exchange and con-

solidated Commissary and exchange administrative areas.

The shopping center construction will have a relatively long schedule due to the extensive site demolition work, environmental concerns and construction around the existing exchange. The mall is scheduled to open in late 2001.

“All of us are very excited at the work already accomplished and at the work ahead,” said Ciardelli. “We believe the shopping center will provide a new focal point for the base, allowing for one-stop

shopping services and providing a user-friendly facility that will retain its quality appearance and function for years to come.”

Defense Commissary Agency’s Project Manager Mickey McCartney said the site presented a number of engineering challenges. Among these were fitting the new shopping center into a space constricted by existing facilities, phasing of the site demolition work, construction activities, hazardous materials abatement and providing new gas and other utility improvements.

“I’m told this will really be the first modern grocery store built at Hanscom,” Wiker said. “The Commissary is housed in a converted warehouse originally constructed in 1955.” The Base Exchange building was originally a hangar, also built in 1955.

“One of the most frequently asked questions from (Commissary) customers is this: ‘Where do my surcharge dollars go?’” Wiker said. “I want the Commissary shoppers to know that this is where they go. You are paying for this new Commissary.”

What do you think about getting a new shopping center?



“I think the shopping center concept is great. The combination of our Base Exchange and Commissary services in a new facility will allow for ‘one-stop shopping’ in modern surroundings. We’ve needed this particular improvement for a long time and it represents an example of the ongoing commitment to improving our quality of life.”

Senior Master Sgt. Kevin McLaughlin, first sergeant

“I think the fact that we are getting a new shopping center is great. This will help with convenience for both active-duty members and retirees, not to mention how much it will help out with the aesthetics of the base.”

Airman 1st Class Tracy Parsons, section personnel specialist



“I think the new center will be helpful. You will be able to shop in one place for all your needs and get lunch. Plus, it’s not far from the bank.”

Jaime Brown, Hanscom Federal Credit Union teller



Visit the Hansconian online: <http://www.hanscom.af.mil/Hansconian>

What’s Happening

King and Queen tourney

This month’s King and Queen of the Hill tournaments will be held Saturday, Oct. 16 and 30, starting at 7:30 p.m.

Registration can be made by stopping by the Bowling Center or by calling 3-2237.

While there, check out the inventory reduction sale.

Glow Bowling Schedule

Glow-in-the dark bowling will take place Oct. 9 and reservations will be taken Thursday by calling 3-2237 anytime after 9 a.m.

New Years’ Eve Party-O’Club

Tickets are now on sale at the Minuteman Officers’ Club. Cost is \$40 for members and \$55 for nonmembers.

Vet Clinic Days

Veterinary clinic days for this month will be Thursday, Oct. 8, 26, 27 and 28. Animals must be restrained by either a leash or carrier. Call for an appointment and be sure to have your military ID with you.

As always, for their safety, children under 12 are not allowed during clinic days.

Golf Course Hours

The Patriot Golf course will be open Sunday through Saturday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. during October.

5K Fun Run

The next 5K Fun Run is scheduled for Thursday at 9 a.m.

Register at the Fitness and Sports Center. Call 3-3639 for information.

Winter Pool Hours

Winter hours for the pool will go into effect Thursday. New hours will be: Monday to Friday 1 to 2 p.m. for adult lap swim; 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. open swimming; Saturday – open swimming from noon to 6 p.m. The pool will be closed on Sunday and holidays.

Register for swimming lessons Oct. 25 to 30 at the base pool from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and again from 4 to 7 p.m.

Call 3-2455 for information.

Leisure Travel – New Hours

The Leisure Travel Office will begin new hours of operation today.

They are Monday to Friday from noon to 5 p.m. Call them at 274-6050 for information or your leisure travel needs.

Low cost bowling, free racquetball, snack bar, pro shop, arcade games and more offered at ...
Hanscom Lanes

by Airman 1st Class Theresa Fike
ESC Public Affairs

Looking for something to do and don’t want to go too far?

With 12 bowling lanes, five racquetball courts, a snack bar, a pro shop and

numerous activities that cater to all ages, Hanscom Lanes could be the right place for entertainment. Hanscom Lanes is available to all military personnel, retirees, DoD civilians and family members.

Families can take advantage of ‘family bowling’ held in two sessions every

Saturday. For \$7 families can bowl for two hours with up to five people per lane, including shoe rental. These sessions are held at 3 to 5 p.m. and 5:15 to 7:15 p.m.

“Families find it great,” said Samantha Long, manager of the bowling center. “They can have a lot of fun and it won’t cost them a fortune.”

Long warns that these sessions are quite popular and encourages people to make reservations every Thursday at 9 a.m.

For that “professional bowler” there are 11 leagues that meet in the center. Leagues consisting of men, ladies and mixed couples practice every night excluding Saturday.

There are also specialty competitions such as the King and Queen of the Hill tournaments where the winner, which is based on the highest individual average, takes home a prize. Former winners are then challenged for their “titles” during the next competition.

Children have several activities from which to choose. Registration is now being taken until Oct. 23 for the Young Americans Bowling Association.

With a certified instructor, children are taught proper

bowling techniques during two-hour Saturday classes starting at 9 a.m.

“YABA helps them feel more secure about the game,” said Long, “and it’s a great chance for them to meet new friends and have fun.”

The classes average about 25 children and are low-cost, according to Long.

What once started out as a fad, the Glow Bowl experience is still a popular event among all ages, said Long. With music jamming, lights flashing and bowling balls glowing, it’s become a great social event.

The bowling center has recently expanded on the number of glow bowl lighting “making the experience more spectacular,” according to Long.

The center also caters to special occasions, such as birthday parties and company events, with discount packages that include bowling and food.

Along with bowling activities, the racquetball courts are available for half-hour to one-hour workouts.

The pro shop is limited, said Long, but the store can order any item that’s not available for the customer.

The snack bar offers a variety of meals and snacks.

Fast food isn’t the only thing available on the menu, according to Long. The “Check It Out” program offers specials for diet watchers.

“You can come in and order something that’s fast and healthy,” said Long.

Breakfast is served from 6:30 to 10 a.m. Monday through Friday and lunch and dinner are served until closing at 10 p.m.

Long said to expect expansion in the bowling center. A function room for special events and a bigger arcade are a couple of future improvements planned for the center.

For information on activities or to make reservations call Hanscom Lanes at 3-2237.



photo by Airman 1st class Theresa M. Fike
Retired Navy Commander George Herman releases his bowlingball, sending it rumbling down the lane for a strike.

Family Talent Contest to be held

by J.C. Corcoran
Marketing Office

Time is running out for Hanscom families to sign up and be part of the 1999 Family Talent Contest scheduled for October 14 at 6 p.m. in the Base Theater.

Sponsored this year by the Youth Center, all moms, dads, sisters and brothers are invited to sing, dance and perform together in this family-oriented event.

Contestants can enter in one of five categories: parent and child team, hus-

band and wife team, children ages 3 to 7, preteen ages 8 to 12, and family.

Registration will end Wednesday. “Winners of the local contest will be videotaped and tapes submitted for Air Force level competition. Air Force level winners will receive certificates of achievement and U.S. Savings Bonds,” said Kathy Chiasson, Youth Center manager.

Families interested in participating should contact the Youth Center at 3-3739 to get information about category requirements and other details about this show.



Auto Hobby Shop.. (617) 686-4094	FAMCAMP.....3-4670
Base Library.....3-2177	Tickets and Tours.....3-3262
Hanscom Bowling Center.....3-2237	Family Child Care.....3-1280
Base Lodging.....3-2112	Vet Clinic.....3-3266
Child Devlopment Center.....3-1282	Fourth Cliff.....1-800-468-9547
Marketing.....3-9681	Youth Center.....3-3739
Clubs Catering Office.....3-9694	Patriot Golf Course.....687-2396
Outdoor Recreation.....3-5316	Leisure Travel Office.....274-6050
Community Center.....3-2833	Minuteman Officers’ Club.....3-3790
Fitness and Sports Center.....3-3639	Honor Guard.....3-4850
Flight Training Center.....3-5160	Human Resources.....3-4611
School Age.....3-2858	Services Training.....3-1578
Patriot Dining Hall.....3-2189	NAF Resource Mgmt.....3-3946
Base Pool.....3-2455	APF Resource Mgmt.....3-8643
Patriot Enlisted Club.....3-2123	Services Logistics.....3-2173
Services Office (Main).....3-3901	Data Automation.....3-1175

Calendar of Events

Today

Oriental rug auction

The Hanscom Officers' Wives' Club will sponsor an oriental rug auction today at the Officer's Club.

The auction is free and open to the public. A preview will be held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. with the bids beginning at 6:30 p.m. There are no minimums on many rugs.

Door prizes will be given away throughout the evening and hors d'oeuvres will be served.

A 10 percent buyer's premium will be added to those winning bids. Proceeds from this event will benefit the OWC enabling them to support the community.

For information call Mary Ann Echols at 274-0064 or Debbie Chapa at 274-9632.

Base wide steam and chilled water outage

There will be a base wide steam and chilled water outage from midnight to Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

This outage is necessary to perform annual steam line maintenance. All base facilities

connected to the central steam plant, most notably the dormitories and billeting facilities, will be without hot water and heat during this period. The housing areas will not be affected. Warm showers at the Sports and Fitness Center will be available during normal operating hours.

Questions may be directed to Don Loureiro at 3-2232 or 66th Civil Engineer Squadron customer service at 3-3383.

Sunday

10th Annual Lacey Packer Memorial Toys

The 10th Annual Lacey Packer Memorial Toys for Tots Run will be held at 10 a.m. Sunday at the Base Exchange Parking Lot.

This 45-mile memorial motorcycle run is named in memory of 10-year-old Lacey Packer who was killed 10 years ago during the 15th annual Modified Motorcycle Association of Massachusetts toy run. She was on the back of her father's parked motorcycle on the side of the road where they had pulled over to rest. While stopped, she was hit and killed by a drunk driver.

This event also kicks off the Toys for Tots Drive organized by the Marine Corps for the upcoming holiday season.

More than 600 motorcycles participated last year. Each participant gives a toy or a cash donation to Toys for Tots.

Upcoming and Weeklies

Council to hold Military Ball

The Hanscom Company Grade Officers Council will sponsor a Military Ball on October 15 in the Concord Ballroom of the Officers' Club from 7 p.m. to midnight.

Brig. Gen. Ted McFarland, Electronic Systems Center vice commander, will be the guest speaker.

The event includes dinner and is open to all Air Force CGOs and their guests. Dress is formal; Military Mess Dress, Civilian Business Attire and Cocktail Dress. Cost of the event will be \$25 per person.

The last day to purchase tickets is October 12. Contact 2nd Lt. Teka Thomas at 3-8974 or Teka.Thomas@hanscom.af.mil or Capt. Omar Vikin at 3-5017 or

Omar.Vikin@hanscom.af.mil for tickets or more information.

Acquisition reform course highlights industry perspective

ESC University, along with ESC-GA, will be hosting an Acquisition Reform Course in the O'Neill Auditorium, bldg. 1612, Nov. 8, 9 and 10. Presented by Dayton Aerospace, Inc, this course will cover familiar topics from a different perspective ... industry's.

Benefits to attendees will include insight into potentially fruitful areas for offering future reform initiatives, how to integrate the efforts to define and refine performance requirements, how to use a practical risk identification and assessment tool, how to gather and analyze past performance data, and how to develop and evaluate integrated master plans and integrated master schedules.

The course will begin at 1 p.m. Nov. 8.

To register and to read a detained syllabus, go to the ADO homepage, <http://esc.hanscom.af.mil/acqdev/orgAC-QDEV.htm> or call Kathy Emond at 3-6622.

Patriot Dining Facility

The weekday hours of the facility are as follows:

Breakfast — 6 to 8 a.m.

Lunch — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Dinner — 4 to 6 p.m.

Weekend and holiday hours:

Brunch — 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Supper — 4 to 6 p.m.

Friday

Lunch: braised beef cubes, onion lemon baked fish*

Dinner: roast beef, turkey and broccoli casserole*

Saturday

Brunch: pork chop suey, baked turkey and noodles

Supper: barbecued meatballs, parmesan chicken*

Sunday

Brunch: spaghetti with meat-sauce, chicken stir-fry*

Supper: barbecued franks, chicken nuggets

Monday

Lunch: knockwurst with sauerkraut, roast turkey*

Dinner: meatloaf, teriyaki chicken*

Tuesday

Lunch: cheese manicotti, beef stew

Dinner: braised liver and onions, pasta with clam sauce*

Wednesday

Lunch: fried chicken, barbecued ribs

Dinner: ham, macaroni and tomato casserole, vegetarian stuffed cabbage*

Thursday

Lunch: barbecued beef cubes, chicken enchiladas*

Dinner: honey glazed Cornish hen, Italian sausage with peppers

Items listed with an "*" are "Check It Out" healthy items. For information on the facility or the menu call Staff Sgt. Shane Meeks at 3-2189. NOTE: Menu items are subject to change.

Hanscom School Menu

Monday

Grilled cheese sandwich, cup of soup and veggie stix with fruit dip

Tuesday

Spaghetti with/or without meat sauce, Parmesan cheese, Italian bread, green beans and fruit

Thursday

Roast beef on deli roll, choice of condiments, steamed rice, fruit cup and frozen treat

Friday

No school

Colonial



Theater



photo courtesy of movieweb.com

Friday 7:30 p.m. -- MYSTERY MEN

-- In Champion City, would-be superheroes like the Shoveler, the Blue Raja, and Mr. Furious can't seem to make a difference and impress the city or its greatest superhero, Captain Amazing. Once, Captain Amazing is captured by his greatest enemy, Cassanova Frankenstein. These stumblebum heroes must join with other superhero hopefuls to save the Captain and the city. **PG-13** (comic action violence, crude humor) **121 min** Starring: **Hank Azaria, Janeane Garofalo**

Saturday Matinee 1:30 p.m. -- THE

IRON GIANT -- "Iron Giant" is based upon the 1968 story, "Iron Man," by the British poet laureate Ted Hughes. A giant metal machine drops to Earth and frightens a small town in Maine in 1958, until it befriends a nine-year-old boy named Hogarth and ultimately finds its humanity by unselfishly saving the town's people from their own fears and prejudices. **PG** (fantasy action, mild language) **86 min** Starring: **Jennifer Aniston, Eli Marienthal**

Saturday 7:30 p.m. -- THE THOMAS CROWN AFFAIR -- Thomas Crown is a self-made billionaire who can buy anything he wants and is irresistible to women. But there are some things that money can't buy. When an alarm sounds at a world class museum and someone walks out with a priceless Monet Catherine Banning, an investigator, suspects Thomas Crown. **R** (some sexuality, language) **114 min** Starring: **Pierce Brosnan, Rene Russo**

Sunday Matinee 1:30 p.m. -- RUNAWAY BRIDE -- Ike Graham is a New York newspaper columnist who hears about Maggie in Maryland, who loves being engaged but has cold feet about getting married. Ike composes a column about Maggie and ends up with the story of a lifetime. **PG** (language, some suggestive dialogue) **116 min** Starring: **Julia Roberts, Richard Gere**

Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children. Schedule is subject to change without notice. Call 3-7940 for movie information.

Happenings

Employment

❑ A **resume writing class** will be held at the Family Support Center Tuesday at 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This course covers how to write an eye catching or scannable resume and fill out applications. Bring your lunch.

❑ **Transition and relocation help for civilians** is available at the Family Support Center Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The DoD Civilian Transition and Relocation Program is designed to help civilians find federal and civilian sector jobs and assist throughout the relocation process. Assistance is available with setting job goals, locating job openings, completing resumes and evaluating relocation options.

Parenting

❑ The single parent workshop titled **“Dealing With the Trauma of Separation and Divorce”** will be held at the Family Support Center Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Patricia Marquis will make a presentation on the emotions most commonly experienced by newly separated or divorced parents and ideas on how to effectively cope through the process.

Fitness enhancement

❑ **Assertiveness training** will be held at the HAWC on Tuesday and Oct. 8 from noon to 1 p.m. Assertiveness training can help to communicate more openly and honestly.

To register call 3-6560.

❑ **“Nutrition for Peak Performance”** will be held at the HAWC on Tuesday, October 5 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Develop an understanding of the seven dietary guidelines, the importance of a balanced diet and learn a quick and easy way to determine if your diet is balanced.

Call 3-6560 to register.

❑ **“Eating Healthy for Kids”** and **“ABC’s of Children’s Nutri-**

tion” videos will be shown at the HAWC Wednesday, from noon to 12:45 p.m. Registration is not necessary. Statistics reveal that 49 percent of all children choose at least a portion of the food they eat. This video takes a look at various ways to encourage children to practice and learn good nutrition habits. It also examines role-playing with wholesome food, including teaching kids how to grocery shop, dine out, cooking for themselves and weight and cholesterol control for kids. The next videotape examines a child’s behavior, and the development of physically fit children.

Work and life

❑ A **sponsor training class** will be held at the Family Support Center Tuesday, 8 to 9 a.m. Learn what to expect, what is expected of you, and what base resources you can use to ensure our incoming service people and families have a smooth move to Hanscom. This class is a prerequisite for all sponsors.

❑ An **inbound relocation seminar** will be held at the Family Support Center Oct. 8, 9 to 10 a.m. Receive your official introduction to Hanscom’s settling in services for new arrivals: local community information, spouse employment, volunteer opportunities, homefinding and budgeting. Families are encouraged to attend.

Education Center, Bldg. 1728, 3-2021

❑ The **Education Office testing policy** requires students to arrive on time for scheduled test sessions.

It is the student’s responsibility to report on time and our responsibility to ensure the students in the room are not disturbed by interruptions.

Late arrivals will not be allowed to enter the test room. All students taking exams should arrive at least 15 minutes before test time. Doors will

close at 8 a.m. for the morning session and again at 12:30 p.m. for the afternoon session.

For information call Education Services at 3-3120.

❑ The next administration of the **GRE Subject Exams** is Dec. 16. Individuals required to take the exam for graduate school must register by Oct. 26. The following subject exams are not available: economics, geology, history, music and sociology.

❑ The next administration of the **RCEP Extended Response Essay** will be Dec. 2. Individuals required to take the exam must register by Oct. 19.

Testing will begin at 8 a.m.; student-reporting time is 7:45 a.m.

Register for exams through Education Services at 3-3120.

❑ Now effective, a **new GRE and GMAT computer-based test reimbursement policy** will be in place.

To be eligible for reimbursement the examinee must possess a current valid ID card, have never taken a DANTES-funded GRE or GMAT exam, must test after Oct. 1, must be applying to or enrolled in a graduate school requiring the exam or for an application to a commissioning program.

DANTES will fund only one GRE or GMAT per lifetime. To avoid incurring costs, which will not be reimbursable, exams should not be scheduled until eligibility is determined and the test control officer explains the reimbursement policy to you at 3-2100.

Thrift Shop, 274-8079

❑ The Thrift Shop is having a semi-annual sale on all gray-tagged items from now through Oct. 16.

Throughout the month, the shop will be open for consignments Oct. 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, and 29 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

It will be open for sales Oct. 7, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29 and 30 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

It will be closed Oct. 8 and

Oct. 9 in observance of the Columbus Day holiday weekend.

During October, the Thrift Shop will welcome fall clothing, such as long sleeves, long pants, corduroy, woolen and heavy fabrics, as well as Halloween and Thanksgiving decorations.

Civil Engineering

❑ The **base recycling program contractor** will pick up hamper bins or carts Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Bins must be consolidated in one location. The building manager must call the recycling office at 3-4272. Leave the building number and location of the carts on your message.

Deadlines are Tuesdays at noon. Messages left after noon

Tuesdays will be sent to the contractor for pickup the next week.

Patriot Enlisted Association

❑ The association is an open forum for all technical sergeants and below to discuss issues as peers.

The group builds teamwork to make a difference in the community and serves as a voice to the ESC command chief master sergeant on issues such as dorms, community involvement and quality of life matters.

Monthly meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month at 3 p.m. at the Enlisted Club.

For information contact Staff Sergeant Airman Matthew Knoll 3-3379.

Chapel, Bldg. 1603, 3-3538

❑ **Catholic masses:** Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 7:30 and 11 a.m. and weekdays at 12:05 p.m.

❑ **Protestant worship:** general Protestant Service — Sundays at 9 a.m.; Gospel Service — Sundays at 12:30 p.m.

❑ **Jewish services:** the first and third Friday of the month from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

❑ **Eastern Orthodox:** for information contact Tech. Sgt. James M. Boubonis at 274-8714.

❑ **For information** on chapel services, call 3-3538 or 3-3539.

Chapel Events

Catholic and Protestant Calendars

The chapel office has a monthly calendar of events available. They can be hung on refrigerators and bulletin boards at home and at work. Each month’s calendar is planned at the respective Monthly Parish Council meetings and designed so that the reader can see at a glance what the chapel has for each day.

Protestant Sunday School

Sunday School meets Sundays at 10:45 a.m. Kindergarten through 12th grade classes meet in the Hanscom Middle School and adult classes meet in the chapel. More workers are needed. A bus takes the children to and from the school, departing the Chapel at 10:30 a.m. and returning to the Chapel at 11:30 a.m.

Hanscom Women’s Retreat

The Protestant Women of the Chapel are sponsoring a Women’s Spiritual Retreat October 15 and 16 at the Sheraton Tara Hotel in Framingham, Mass.

Claire Cloninger, a four-time Gospel Music Association Award Winning Song writer and author, will be the Retreat speaker. Her songs have been sung by Amy Grant, Sandi Patti, Wayne Watson and BJ Thomas.

Cost for the retreat is \$40 per person which includes lodging of two persons per room, meals, and conference expenses. Contact Sandra Whitley at (781) 274-0339 to sign up.

Registration will be Sunday at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the Base Chapel. Registration will only be done at these times.



People’s Corner

Defense Information Infrastructure-Air Force (DI)

Welcome to **Pat Marshall, Chuck Shank, David Slattery, Joseph Stanton, Roy Hansell and Michael Villareal.**

Happy birthday to **Michelle Dooley, Patrick**

Cox, George Caron, Dennis Justin, Rebecca Freeman and Debra Sherman.

Office of Intelligence (ESC/IN)

Congratulations to **Airman 1st Class Kaleb J. Brown** and his wife Jaime Brown on their marriage.

Ergometry test takers make top 25 percent

ESC/GA
1st Lt. Peter Sandness
Capt. Bradley McDonald
1st Lt. Darren Edmonds
Maj. Constance Dowler
Maj. John Salyards
2nd Lt. Shane Hupp
Maj. Clifford Thornstenson
2nd Lt. Michael Noel
1st Lt. David Huber

ESC/CC
Capt. Dwayne Sellers
Senior Airman Kathleen McCabe

66th Security Forces Squadron
Staff Sgt. Lesli Hoover
Tech. Sgt. Colleen Ingram
Airman David Oliveira
Staff Sgt. David Kurutz

66th Medical Group
Maj. Bridget Brozyna

Communications, Information Div.
Lt. Col. Denise Taylor

OSI
Special Agent Justin Bachman

Band of Liberty
Tech. Sgt. David Arnold

ESC/IN
2nd Lt. Lisa Dow
1st Lt. Jeannie Connor

Scholarship awards banquet to be held Oct. 22

The Col. Charles E. McGee Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. Chapter will be hosting its Annual Scholarship Awards Banquet in the Enlisted Club Oct. 22 .

It coincides with the first anniversary of the dedication of the Tuskegee Airmen Room.

The Guest Speaker will be retired Col. Charles E. McGee. He is an original Tuskegee Airman who served under Brig. Gen. Benjamin O. Davis Jr. in the 332nd Bomber Squadron. McGee flew fighter missions in WWII, Korean War, and Vietnam War and holds the Air Force record of fighter missions flown. He currently serves as the National President of the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.

In addition, there will be other original Tuskegee Airmen attending. Books will be available and the Airmen will be available for autographs.

For information, contact Maj. Gail Fisher at 3-5747 or Capt. Willie Bohles at (MITRE) 271-6211.